

# Mock drill on disaster management on May 12

**GANGTOK, May 10 (IPR):** The Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA), in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), organized a coordination meeting on table talk exercises (TTE) and mock exercises, which will be held on May 12. The meeting was held at the office of SSDMA under the Land Revenue and Disaster Management department.

The purpose of the meeting was to assist the community and first responders in building a culture of preparedness for the possibility of a disaster, to assist the State government in assessing the adequateness and efficacy of the State's disaster management plans, and to identify any shortages in available resources, communications, and



systems. It was further stated that the coordination meeting would result in an adequate understanding of the objectives and purposes of exercise among various stakeholders and help them get prepared to deal with any disaster that could occur in the future.

Additionally, the mock drills include a number of possible hazards to the State, such as flash floods, glacial

lake outburst floods (GLOF), landslides, fires, thunderstorms, hailstorms, and earthquakes. The mock drills will take place at various locations across the districts on May 12 from 9 am to 1pm.

Likewise, the director of SSDMA said, "In order to make our community informed and resilient, you are advised to carry out this

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exercise while collaborating with the State departments, Army, Police, NDRF, pharmaceutical companies, and power projects.”

Each district will hold a mock exercise, with subsequent activities taking

place in a school, office, hospital, and residential building, he added.

He said, “Please don’t panic; this is only a rehearsal session to spread awareness and prepare people to deal with a possible natural disaster.”